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10/829,361	04/22/2004	Patrick J. Butler	1348.117.US	7076

TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MECHANICALLY REINFORCING THE WELDS BETWEEN RISER PIPES AND RISER BRACES IN BOILING WATER REACTORS

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Patrick J. Butler

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Serial No.: 10/829,361

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Between Riser Pipes and Riser Braces in Boiling Water Reactors

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